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RE: *In the matter of the Application of Verde Energy USA Ohio, LLC for Certification as a Competitive Retail Natural Gas Supplier*, Case No. 13-2164-GA-CRS

Dear Docketing Division:

Please find Staff's Review and Recommendation regarding Verde Energy USA Ohio, LLC's d/b/a Verde Energy ("Verde") application to renew its certification as a competitive retail natural gas supplier in Case No. 13-2164-GA-CRS.

On December 11, 2017, the Commission issued Ohio Competitive Retail Natural Gas Marketer Certificate Number 13-334G(3) to Verde, authorizing Verde to provide competitive retail natural gas services (CRNGS) in Ohio (herein referred to as "CRNGS Certificate"). Verde's certificate is effective until December 6, 2019. On November 7, 2019, Verde filed application to renew its CRNGS Certificate.

On April 17, 2019, the Commission issued an Entry opening Case No. 19-958-GE-COI to investigate Verde's alleged unfair, deceptive, or unconscionable acts or practices related to Verde's operations in Ohio. Currently, that matter is still pending resolution before the Commission. Resolution of Case No. 19-958-GE-COI will determine what enforcement action the Commission will take to resolve any findings of noncompliance on the part of Verde, which may include rescission, suspension, or conditional suspension of Verde's CRNGS Certificate.

Therefore, because the Commission's investigation of Verde is still an ongoing matter, Staff recommends that the Commission suspend Verde's application to renew its CRNGS Certificate until the Commission issues a final Opinion and Order resolving Case No. 19-958-GE-COI.

Respectfully Submitted,

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